

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
-TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE-**

April 3, 2003

M I N U T E S

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES SUMMARIZE ACTIONS THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TOOK AT THE APRIL 3, 2003 MEETING. AUDIOCASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG OFFICES.

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Voting Members Present

Mayor Ron Roberts, Chair
Mayor Lee Ann Garcia, Vice Chair
Councilmember Harry Baldwin
Councilmember Ron Bates
Councilmember Hal Bernson
Councilmember Lou Bone
Councilmember Art Brown
Supervisor Yvonne Burke
Vice Mayor Gene Daniels
Councilmember Joy Defenbaugh
Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung
Mayor Richard Dixon
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger
Councilmember Ruth Galanter
Councilmember Gary J. George
Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe
Supervisor Judy Mikels
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Miller
Councilmember Pam O'Connor
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis
Councilmember Will Pieper
Mayor Bea Proo
Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway
Supervisor Charles V. Smith
Mayor David A. Spence
Councilmember Dick Stanford
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga

Representing

City of Temecula
City of Grand Terrace
City of San Gabriel
City of Los Alamitos
City of Los Angeles
City of Tustin
City of Buena Park
County of Los Angeles
City of Paramount
Riverside, WRCOG
City of Laguna Niguel
City of Lake Forest
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG
City of Los Angeles
City of Redlands, SANBAG
City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG
City of El Segundo
City of Hemet, RCTC
County of Ventura
City of Corona
City of Santa Monica
City of Cathedral City, CVAG
Desert Hot Springs, CVAG
City of Pico Rivera
Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion
City of Newport Beach
County of Orange County
City of La Canada Flintridge, Arroyo Verdugo Cities
City of Azusa
City of Pasadena
City of Long Beach

Voting Members Absent

Supervisor Paul Biane

Representing

County of San Bernardino

Mayor George Cole
 Mayor Lawrence Dale
 Mayor Bill Davis
 Councilmember Judy Dunlap
 Mayor Pro Tem John R. Fasana
 Councilmember Eric Garcetti
 Mayor Larry Grogan
 Councilmember Nate Holden
 Councilmember Robert Hunter
 Mayor Pro Tem Tim Keenan
 Councilmember Lowenthal
 Mayor Patsy Marshall
 Councilmember Keith McCarthy
 Councilmember Keith Millhouse
 Mayor Mark Nuaimi
 Mayor Gary Ovitt
 Councilmember Nick Pacheco
 Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Smyth
 Mayor Pro Tem Tom Sykes
 Councilmember Paul Talbot
 Councilmember Linda Wilson
 Council Member Dennis Zine

City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG
 City of Barstow
 City of Simi Valley, VCTC
 City of Inglewood
 City of Duarte, SGVCOG
 City of Los Angeles
 City of El Centro, IVAG
 City of Los Angeles
 City of Victorville
 City of Cypress, Orange County COG
 City of Long Beach
 City of Buena Park, Orange County COG
 City of Downey
 City of Moorpark, VCOG
 City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC
 City of Ontario
 City of Los Angeles
 City Santa Clarita, North LA County
 City of Walnut
 City of Alhambra
 City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG
 City of Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present

Rose Casey

Representing

Caltrans, Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent

Board Member

Rotating Board Member

Representing

California, DOT

Air Resources Board

Transportation Commissions – Vacant

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:30a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Lowe) SECONDED (DeYoung) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 March 6, 2003 Meeting Minutes

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Senate Bill 458 (Bingaman) "The Southwest Regional Border Authority Act"

Arnold San Miguel, Government Affairs, presented the item. The information is part of SCAG's 2003 legislative program. The recommended action is to seek amendments to increase the composition of the Southwest Regional Border Authority to include MPO's as a Co-Chair and allow for the primary implementation of the Authority's duties through existing local planning agencies. The recommendation is based on the direction received from the Southwest Compact Task Force at their March 5, 2003 meeting. The bill, if established, would create a region-wide economic development authority in the border area.

It was MOVED (Lowe), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to seek amendments.

4.2 ACA 7, SCA 2, and AB 427 Transportation Legislation Relating to the Sales and Use Tax

Charlotte Eckelbecker, Government Affairs, presented the item. Ms. Eckelbecker provided a summary of three transportation legislation bills. ACA 7, introduced by Assembly Member John Dura (D-Fremont.) and SCA 2, introduced by Senator Tom Torlakson (D-Antioch), lower the voter approval threshold for the imposition of a sales tax for transportation purposes from 2/3 of voters to 55 percent or a simple majority, respectively. AB 427, introduced by Assembly Member John Longville (D-Rialto), eliminates the 20-year limit on the duration of local transportation sales taxes.

Three separate actions were taken on the bills, they are as follows:

It was MOVED, SECONDED, 4 OBJECTIONS and APPROVED to support ACA 7.

It was MOVED (Lowe), SECONDED (Smith), 7 OBJECTIONS and APPROVED to support SCA 2 if amended to remove the requirement that 25% of tax revenues must be used for smart growth planning.

It was MOVED (Bates), SECONDED (DeYoung), 1 OBJECTION and APPROVED to support AB 427.

4.3 SCA 7 (Murray) Loans of Transportation Revenues and Funds

Charlotte Eckelbecker, Government Affairs, presented the item.

Ms. Eckelbecker summarized SCA 7 introduced by Senator Kevin Murray (D-Los Angeles), requires the repayment with interest of motor vehicle fuel and vehicle-related revenues or trust funds, when loaned to the General Fund, if not repaid within

the same fiscal year as the loan was made or by a date no later than 30 days after the next year's budget bill.

It was MOVED (Bates), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support.

4.4 SCAG Comments on the Draft California Transportation Plan

Bob Huddy, SCAG staff, presented an update of Caltrans' current effort to develop a statewide transportation plan, called Connecting Californians - California Transportation Plan 2025. The CTP is a document that attempts to provide a statewide transportation vision for 2025. Mr. Huddy stated the last CTP was developed in 1993 and updated in 1998. It was recommended that a letter be prepared for signature by the Executive Director conveying SCAG comments to Caltrans on the Draft California Transportation Plan.

It was MOVED, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to direct staff to prepare a letter, for signature by the President conveying SCAG comments to Caltrans on the Draft California Transportation Plan.

4.5 2004 RTP Performance Measures

Tarek Hatata, System Metrics Group

Mr. Hatata summarized the RTP TAC recommendations for the remainder of the performance measures for use in the 2004 RTP.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the RTP TAC recommendations for the remainder of the performance measures for use in the 2004 RTP.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Goods Movement Truck Count Study

Michael Fischer, Cambridge Systematics, presented the Goods Movement Truck Count Study. Mr. Fischer presented a summary of the study approach, findings, and recommendations. He stated the truck counts have several important uses; first in validating Caltrans Annual Average Daily Truck Traffic and Weight in Motion (WIM) data and second, in assisting to validate SCAG model output data. He stated these counts will also aid in current and future corridor studies which will examine potential goods movement improvements.

5.2 Imperial County Transportation Plan

Mark Baza, Chief, Caltrans District 11 reported that the 2002 Imperial County Transportation Plan devotes attention to Imperial County's transportation needs and is an update to Imperial County's 1997 Transportation Plan. The plan accounts for changes in land use development, population, and State highway usage, and is providing input into SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan.

5.3 National I-10 Freight Corridor Study

Item was deferred.

- 5.4 Non-Motorized Transportation: Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues
Item was deferred.
- 5.5 Update on State Budget Crisis
Item was deferred.
- 5.6 Maglev Task Force Report
Mayor Bates, Chair, reported on the Maglev Task Force meeting held March 19, 2003. He stated the committee selected two vice-chairs: Councilmember Robin Lowe and Supervisor Mike Antonovich. The main issue is that there is 1.5 million available in federal funding to continue studying Maglev for the region. A required match of 1.2 million is needed to continue the project studies. This item was presented as information.
- 5.7 Goods Movement Advisory Committee (GMAC) Report
Councilmember Brown, Chair, reported on the GMAC meeting held March 19, 2003. A draft financial forecast was presented for 2004 RTP which highlighted updates since the 2001 RTP as well as baseline cost and revenues. Discussion included air quality conformity and the relationship to dedicated truck lanes. Draft list of goods movements projects based on the 2001 RTP. New projects were submitted by the County Transportation Commissions, Ports and Caltrans.
- 5.8 Highway and Transportation Finance (H&FT) Task Force Report
Mayor Dixon, Chair, reported on the H&FT Task Force held March 20, 2003. Information was received on options and estimates of potential revenue sources for addressing transportation funding. Future transportation financing strategies were also reviewed. In addition a presentation and discussion on the 710 corridor project were held. There will be a joint meeting with the TDM task force on these issues where items overlap.
- 5.9 Regional Transportation Demand Management (RTDM) Task Force
Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Chair, reported on the RTDM Task Force held March 20, 2003. The consultant team was directed to develop the second performance based evaluation as a basis to support the task force on which TDM strategies to include in the draft RTP. The committee is focused on coordinating their efforts by June 2003.
- 5.10 RTAC Report
Councilmember Lowe, Chair, reported on the RTAC meeting held March 14, 2003. The committee had a brief discussion of Rideshare and closed out the SBA36 money. Next, Councilmember Lowe stated that the RTAC expressed concern about how growth scenarios and growth policy decisions are being formulated as part of the PILUT RTP effort. The RTAC did not feel there was enough local input from cities and counties in these decisions, and a letter was provided to the SCAG President expressing the committee's concerns. Copies of the RTAC meeting summary were made available to the TCC members.

6.0 CHAIR REPORT

No report at this time.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

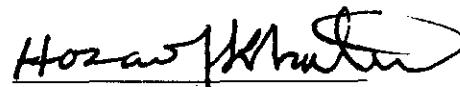
Councilmember Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forest, stated that Bill Vardulas has been giving presentations on how to improve traffic on the SR-91 freeway by building a tunnel between Orange County and Riverside County. Mr. Dixon stated that the idea has some merit, but it needs further study and review regarding the viability of its location and usage. The presentation should be given to the TCC or the Orange/Riverside Bi-County 91 Express Lanes Committee in order for the idea to move forward. Chair Ron Roberts stated that Mr. Vardulas would be presenting to RCTC within a week, and to the Bi-County Committee within a month.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Llewellyn Miller, City of Claremont, was introduced as the new RC member.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Ron Roberts adjourned the meeting at 11:45 pm. The next Transportation and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hasan Ikhrata", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hasan Ikhrata, Director,
Planning & Policy Department